

To Commissioners and Chairman Powell:

Regradless of political preference, members of the FCC oversight body have an obligation to ensure that the airwaves provide for an fair and balanced political environment. Without such oversight, commercial station owners will be inclined to act in their own best interests.

Such a situation now presents itself clearly and I believe it is the responsibility of Commission to step up to this challenge to their authority.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require all of their stations to air a documentary intended to sway the election just days before November 2.

Sinclair has been provide use of the public airwaves in exchange for an obligation to serve the public interest. But when companies as large as Sinclair have as much access (20% household penetration) as they do, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need to protect our democracy.

Sinclair's lack of response to the amount of complaints they have received, once again demonstrate why deregulation is such a lousy idea. Sinclair's actions show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

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